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had intended to talk about the Agrasala; but as the Dewan had promised, in his address, to take up shortly the question of the Agrasala, the Member did not want to press the point. He would suggest however that the number to be fed every day might be checked, or that the quantity of the provisions to be spent on that behalf might be fixed. The Member also thanked Government, in anticipation, for the proposed reform of the Agrasala.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

58. Suggestions for the better management of the Devaswoms.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila (Member, Kottayam Taluk) submitted a petition in which he requested that Government might be pleased, in the best interests of the Devaswom institutions, to order the Dewan Peishkars to collect statistics as to the number of the Private Dewaswoms in each taluk, with an annual income of a thousand rupees or more. Considering the vast extent of the Private Devaswom properties and tenantry in the State, the policy of Government towards these institutions should be that of the Suzerain towards Feudatory States, *i. e.*, to maintain all that is good in their individuality, but to arrest the growth of their evil tendencies by allowing the Uralars of even assumed institutions to represent their opinions on the yearly adminstration reports submitted by the Sirkar's Managers, for the consideration of the higher authorities, and while subjecting the tenant population to the rigour of the Revenue Recovery laws for ensuring the timely and quick collection of the settled annual dues of the Devaswoms, to persuade the Devaswam authorities to appreciate the advantages of their accepting the acknowledged principles of the Sirkar settlement as the ideal of equity in all their unsettled or accessory relations with their subjects, and so to help forward the material prosperity of the State.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

59. Mismanagement of the Ooranma Devaswoms and their properties.

Mr. K. Kesava Pillai (Member, Vilavankode Taluk) made the following suggestions for checking the mismanagement of the Ooranma (Private) Devawoms and their properties:—

(1) Instructions should be issued to the Tahsildar of each taluk to submit a monthly report as to how the private temples were managed.

(2) The Tahsildar of a taluk should send a list of such temples in a taluk.

(3) Either the Tahsildar or the Peishkar should be empowered to take immediate action against the mismanagement of a private temple.

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(4) The Manager of each private temple should send a statement of the income and the expenditure.

(5) Steps must be taken to check the mismanagement of the Trustees in realising the *pattom*, *michavarom* and other taxes.

The Member prayed that a rule might be made and published in the Gazette to carry out the above suggestions.

Dewan's reply.—I shall consider the Member's suggestions along with Mr. Kuruvila's petition.

60. *Restoration of the Sirkar temples.*

Mr. T. Vasudevan Potti (Member, Travancore Jenmi Sabha) represented that the condition of the Sirkar temples was lamentable. He urged the necessity for allotting a certain amount of money in the annual budget for the restoration of those which stood in need of repair.

Dewan.—This is an important question and I am glad that the Member has brought it up. Government hope to pass early orders defining their policy in the matter.

61. *Religious services in the Devaswoms.*

Mr. A. Harihara Aiyar (Member, Chirayinkil Taluk) stated that a certain *pathivu* had been allotted for each temple *in proportion* to the Sannidhyam of the temple and the God. *Those pathivus* must be observed according to the Sastras. Only if *those pathivus* were maintained intact, the Gods would be pleased ; and only if the Gods were pleased, would the people be happy. Therefore, he urged the necessity and responsibilty of adhering to the *pathivus*. The Member also requested that :

(1) the recommendations of Mr. Ramachandra Rao might be intimated to the Members,

(2) Government should allow the Members to give their opinions after a careful perusal of the recommendations in the report,

(3) Government should pass final orders on that report only after consulting the views of the people, and

(4) the following particulars might be published in the Administration Report : –

(*a*) the receipts, expenditure and balance of the revenue derived from the lands belonging to the Sirkar temples,

(*b*) Nadavaravus in the Devaswoms,

(*c*) expenditure for ceremonies,

(*d*) expenditure for temple servants.

He requested that the above suggestions might be given a fair consideration.

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